

Utah Sexual Violence Council
Law Enforcement Sub-Committee meeting
Minutes 3-13-06 – Revised 3/22/06

Attending: Todd Hardman, Gary Heward, Paul Parker, Gretchen McNeese, Dianne Fuller, Cora Peterson, Sharon Daurell

Next meeting date: Wed. 4/10/06 2:00
Rape Recovery Center Conference Room

Sub-Committee members absent, Gary Scheller (excused), Greg Skordas

1) Quick Reference Cards for Officers

Finalize and obtain funding for printing

Possible process for distribution for use outlined.

- Attend fall Chief and Sheriff semi-annual meeting to introduce the tool
- Follow up with “Train the Trainer” meetings held in several locations with attendees from each agency. Those attendees will then take tool back to agency and train on use.
- LEADS meeting identified as possible area for contact

2) POST training

Review and recommend update for POST training regarding sexual violence, child and adult as well as DV

- Approach reviewed: Bob Flowers, Chair of Department of Public Safety, Rich Townsend, Chief and Bob Morris 2nd in command. All will have to be on board for changes.
- After assessment of current SA/DV curriculum reviewed and needed changes identified consider meeting with key members of POST and sexual violence council
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Goal	Tasks	Assigned
Quick Reference Cards	April meeting we will finalize the changes on the cards.	Gretchen & Todd will get feedback from officers
	Funding Issues	Dianne will get printing estimate from Mike Haddon
	Other funding issues	Todd will check with grant writer at County re VAWA or other possibilities
POST Training	Begin process of review and update	Todd will forward copy of current POST curriculum for all to review

1) Quick Reference Cards for officers

Identified areas of focus, listed in order of priority

- 1) Front line “quick reference charts” for response to reported sexual assault
- 2) Modifications to sexual assault component of POST training
- 3) Develop and implement statewide training on basic and advanced response to reported sexual assault
- 4) Contact with Prosecution Council for training

2) Pilot - Officer Quick Reference Charts

Goal: Production and distribution to front line officers throughout state.

Cost: Estimate, 2,500 copies laminated 8 ½ x 11 and 2,500 flip charts

These charts were developed during the previous Criminal Justice Sub-committee and are being tested in several law enforcement agencies. They are a quick reference of appropriate front line response to a report of sexual assault of child and adult. The elements of the crime are included. Feedback from pilot agencies and committee members will be incorporated before production.

3) Post training required pre-hire for state wide law enforcement, approximately a 4 month training, 40 hours a week

Current: The POST training curriculum content addressing sexual violence includes in 3 hours with focus on child abuse and a portion of the 2 hour victimology class addressing response to victims of any crime.

Goal: Update POST curriculum.

4) Statewide training

Goal: Develop a team to travel statewide to introduce the use of the “quick reference guides” as well as general response to reported sexual assault.

Develop an advanced in service training for communities

5) Prosecution Council

Prosecutors are in the position of requesting additional investigational information from the law enforcement agencies. Addressing training of prosecutors throughout the state in response to SA will potentially effect the response and investigations of these crimes.

6) Web based training for the POST students: this would address issues that cannot fit into the regular training. Possible funding ideas were explored including application for VAWA funding. The UDVC website training was the example referenced, a 4 hour no-charge training.

Other notes: Possible contact for POST Ken Wallentine, AG office.

Paul Parker noted that the needs in training for child and adult sexual assault and DV all have the same general focus of needing a response that addresses increasing evidence collection for use throughout the investigation. The crime scene has a window of time to address components of the investigation, including the suspect.

A goal would include modeling Homicide investigations , increasing the importance of response to the crimes of SA

Discussion regarding system for screening reported cases of SA with DA office

Notes from handouts at Sexual Violence Council Meeting:

List of previous areas identified by Law Enforcement Sub Committee

- Appropriate response (sensitivity)
- Collection of evidence
- Securing crime scene
- Securing victims/kids
- CODE R issues
- Continuous training
 - 1st responders
 - Quick reference card
 - In-depth training for detectives/specialists

Tasks:

Todd: get estimate of number of copies needed for statewide LE first responders

Dianne: contact Mike Haddon to get estimate on cost of production of quick reference materials

Todd: contact Davis county grant writer to explore possible funding for web based training

Dianne: email members date of next meeting and minutes